

REMARKS

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-2, 4-10, 15-16, 18-25, and 29-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chandhoke et al. (U.S. Patent 2002/0191023) and Claims 3-17 under Section 103 as being unpatentable over Chandhoke et al. and further in view of Sacerdoti (U.S. Patent 6,222,540). The Examiner has further indicated that Claims 12-14 and 26-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent Claim 14 and Claim 15 to include the limitations of allowable dependent Claim 28. Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitation that code for performing a simulation using the graphically edited tabular data. This limitation is similar to the limitations in allowable dependent Claims 15 and 28.

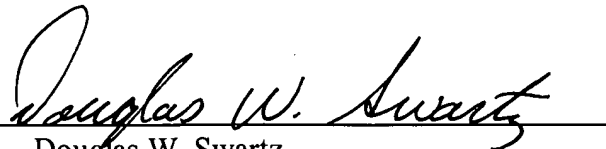
Accordingly, the rejected claims are allowable over the prior art.

Applicant has added new Claims 31-34. Independent Claim 31 is a combination of Claims 1, 8, 9, and 11 and allowable dependent Claim 12; Claim 32 of Claims 1, 8, 9, and 11 and allowable dependent Claim 13; Claim 33 of Claims 15, 22, 23, 25, and allowable dependent Claim 26; and Claim 34 of Claims 15, 22, 23, 25, and allowable dependent Claim 27.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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